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DEPT PASS NIACT IMMEDIATE TO THE FOLLOWING
ALGIERS, MADRID, NOUAKCHOTT, RABAT AND THE HAGUE

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: SPANISH SAHARA

1. ONE IMAGINES HOLY WARS BEING LAUNCHED FROM MORE AUSTERE
AND LESS RELAXED QUARTERS THAT SUITE 9-H OF THE HOTEL CARLISLE,
WHERE I CALLED ON MOROCCAN FOREIGN MINISTER LARAKI OCTOBER 15
(SEPTEL RE KOREA ITEM). PERHAPS KING HASSAN'S DESERT CAMP
IS DUSTIER, BUT LARAKI'S FERVOR MUST AT LEAST EQUAL THAT OF
HIS SOVEREIGN.

2. AT 8 AM NEW YORK TIME OCTOBER 16, LARAKI SAID, THE
ICJ'S ADVISORY OPINION ON SPANISH SAHARA WILL BE HANDED
DOWN. ACCORDING TO INFORMATION WHICH HE HAS RECEIVED, THE
DECISION WILL STATE THAT THE "TRIBUNE" OF THE SAHARA INDEED
HAD PRE-FRENCH TIES OF ALLEGIANCE WITH THE SULTAN OF MOROCCO.
LARAKI ARGUED THAT SINCE THESE SAME TIES OF ALLEGIANCE WERE
USED IN FRENCH AND MOROCCAN CEREMONIES INSTALLING KINGS
MOHAMMED V AND HASSAN II, SUCH OATHS CREATE A BINDING
TERRITORIAL RELATIONSHIP, AND ACCORD MOROCCO LEGAL RIGHTS
TO THE SAHARA.

3. AT 2 PM NEW YORK TIME, OCTOBER 16, KING HASSAN WILL
SPEAK TO HIS NATION, KARAKI ADDED. LARAKI SAID THAT HE
THEN WOULD PRESENT A RESOLUTION IN THE UN WHICH STATES,

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INTER ALIA, THAT THE QUESTION BEFORE THE UN IS NOT ONE

OF SELF-DETERMINATION, BUT OF TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY.

"MOROCCO IS READY TO TALK TO SPAIN ON "THIS BASIS."

"SEVENTEEN MILLION MOROCCANS ARE PREPARED TO BACK THE
KING'S WORD," HE CONCLUDED, "AND THE BATTLE BEGINS
OCTOBER 17."

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